



Outer East Area Committee

Minutes from Cross Gates Forum
3 April 2013

held Crossgates & District Good Neighbours building

Present:

Councillor Pauleen Grahame (Chair), Cllr Peter Gruen, James Nundy (LCC - South East Area Support Team, minutes), Simon Norman (LCC - South & South East Locality Team), Jean Barnbrook (1st Manston Guides), Pelayie Crofton (resident), Carol Macklam (resident), Eileen Sutcliffe (resident), Sgt Vicky Cocliffe (West Yorkshire Police), PC Amy Pritchard (WYP), PCSO Gemma Broadbent (WYP), Roy Dobson (resident), Nicholas Hunt (LCC - Highways), Dylan Turner (West Yorkshire Casualty Reduction partnership), Moira Flynn (Crossgates & District Good Neighbours), Bob Lawrence (East Leeds Historical & Archaeology Society), Jacki Lawrence (ELH&AS), Shirley Evison (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Phillip Marsden (Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch), Dave Coulthard (Crossgates Shopping Centre), Deeta Tren-Humphries (LCC - Youth Service), Eamonn Judge (Cross Gates Watch Residents Association)

Apologies:

Paul Spandler (LCC - S&SELT), Jean Thacker (resident), Nick Borrás (LCC - Highways), Howard Claxton (LCC - Highways), Chris Booth (West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue), Thelma Renton (resident), Cynthia Mawson (DNW), Ann Marie Vella (1st MG)

1.0	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Action
1.1	Cllr Grahame welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions around the table were made.	
1.2	The above apologies were noted.	
1.3	Cllr Grahame informed the Forum about the death of their ward colleague, Councillor Suzi Armitage. There will be a by-election on 2 May.	
2.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2013	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.0	Matters arising from those minutes	
3.1	<p>Devonshire Neighbourhood Watch informed the Forum that there is still a problem with broken glass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the pavements around the Devon Pub and near the post box • along Kennerleigh Avenue (also thought to be from traffic from the Station Pub) • it has been reported to LCC Environmental Action previously <p>Action: Police will check the situation with Police Licencing Action: Simon Norman to discuss with Paul Spandler</p>	WYP SN
3.2	<p>DNW also reported that the land between Devon Pub and No.70 was covered with cardboard and bottles.</p> <p>Action: Environmental Action to complete a Duty of Care for the pub</p>	SN
4.0	10 minute open floor	

4.1	No issues raised.	
5.0	Highways updates	
5.1	<p>Station Road speed cameras – Dylan Turner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety issues are paramount • Two cameras are now installed - one camera covering each direction • Currently waiting for signage for lamp posts to be manufactured – should be done by 12 April and installed by 19 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action: Nick Hunt to give dates to councillors when known • The cameras are a constant deterrent to speeding, to reduce the frequency of accidents • Camera locations were discussed as it was highlighted one of the cameras can be obscured by buses leaving the bus stop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was a difficult financial balance – ideally, the cameras would have been in the central reservation but it was too costly to do it there • Statistics will be available, but they are compiled over a long period of time 	NH
5.2	<p>Austhorpe Road zebra crossing – Nick Hunt</p> <p>The zebra was installed following several requests for an additional crossing place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment / numerical criteria was completed • The crossing was justified by footfall figures • Safety audits completed following installation have been good • Highways staff have observed pedestrians not waiting for vehicles to stop before stepping onto the crossing • There were requests for a pavement guardrail but it's not a practical option at this location • Can't use warning signs saying 'wait for cars to stop' or similar • Local residents are still unhappy with the location 	
6.0	Community Safety – Neighbourhood Policing Team	
6.1	<p>Sgt Vicky Cocliffe, PC Amy Pritchard and PCSO Gemma Broadbent attended the Forum and gave the following update for the period 9 January to 3 April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary dwelling decreased from 19 in 2012 to 17 this year • Burglary other (ie sheds/garages) dropped from 16 in 2012 to 6 this year. There have been a couple of convictions which could explain the drop • Theft from motor vehicles rose from four in 2012 to 10 this year. There are no spikes in the data analysis • No sneak-in burglaries in this period. The exhibition van has been doing the rounds in the area and delivering promotional work 	
6.2	Recommended that push bikes are marked by post coding or UV pens and secured with ground anchors (available from bike shops) when in garages / sheds.	
6.3	Station pub – no reported incidents	
7.0	Environmental Action update – Simon Norman	
7.1	<p>Simon Norman is your local Environmental Action Officer (EAO) and his contact details are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobile 07891 278 378 	

<p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>7.6</p> <p>7.7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • email simon.norman@leeds.gov.uk <p>Since 1 March 2013 there have been 298 request for service including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 notices served • 10 fixed penalty notices served, including 8 regarding dogs • 1 prosecution on a shop • Street sweeping routes have been tweaked so they are done more regularly <p>Dog issues There is an online survey regarding Dog Control Orders and is open until 20 April. There have been reports of people picking up after their dog and bagging, then leaving the bag. Fines are £75 but can be reduced by 50% if paid quickly.</p> <p>[Eamonn Judge arrived at 6:40pm]</p> <p>The Ring Road looks cleaner since the new litter bins were installed but the Cake Walk (the unadopted path parallel to the train line – on the north side of the railway) is often badly littered.</p> <p>Environmental issues can be addressed by calling The Highways Helpline on 0113 222 4406 for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household wheel-out service for less abled people – via option 1 • Dog warden – via option 5 • Grass cutting – via option 6 <p>It was reported that a sign on Back Austhorpe Road has been turned around which causes issues for delivery drivers. Action: Simon to investigate</p>	<p>All</p> <p>SN</p>
<p>8.0 Activities for young people</p>		
<p>8.1</p>	<p>Deeta Tren-Humphries gave an update on recent work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are a member of staff down as Becky has recently left under the Early Leavers Initiative • Working in Manston Park with a volunteer – no anti-social behaviour issues have been reported • Promoting National Citizens Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking for 15 young people aged 16-17 to join for two residentials and a project in the community ○ Hoped to advertise for places in the shopping centre next week ○ Police offered to advertise on the NPT website and Twitter - Deeta gave the information to Gemma Armitage • Street work is continuing on Wednesdays 	
<p>9.0 Cross Gates Christmas lights switch-on 2013: early planning</p>		
<p>9.1</p>	<p>Cllr Grahame gave a brief introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoping to repeat the success of 2012 • Will be the 4th event and want to hold it on the first Thursday after the city centre lights are switched on • Was a call for the establishment of a festive lights committee to take forward fundraising ideas. Jean Barnbrook was nominated by Cllr Grahame 	

<p>9.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Area Support Team will help organise the event again this year but the committee will be trained to be able to take on responsibility for next year Cllr Grahame requested that the full cost of the event be earmarked from the Outer East Area Committee well-being fund, with any donations received from local businesses or other fundraising streams to reduce the grant <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Nundy to start proceedings for a large grant from the well-being fund James Nundy to book the date into the LCC Events Team calendar Jean Barnbrook to encourage others to join the committee Everyone to have a think about what they would like to have at the switch-on this year and let Cllr Grahame know <p>Cross Gates Christmas tree 2013 A living fir tree will be planted on the Cross Gates roundabout (carpet shop side) on 4 April 2013, funded by Cllrs Grahame and Gruen from the well-being fund (via the Outer East Area Committee). As soon as the roots are sufficiently established it will be used as a Christmas tree for Cross Gates over the winter period.</p>	<p>JN</p> <p>JN</p> <p>JB</p> <p>All</p>
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Other updates</p>	
<p>10.1</p>	<p>Crossgates Medical Centre update – Cllr Gruen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three storey medical centre with pharmacy and parking Cllrs working with Nick Borrás (Highways) re traffic issues Issues with window locations overlooking neighbouring houses Planning application was approved 26 March 2013 Go to planningapplications.leeds.gov.uk and use reference No: 12/04630 	
<p>10.2</p>	<p>Barnbow housing development (including the Optare site) – Cllr Gruen It is agreed that up to 250 houses can be built before the transport infrastructure needs to be improved to cope with the demand. Councillors are firmly behind this rule.</p>	
<p>10.3</p>	<p>Thorpe Park development – Cllr Gruen It is anticipated there will soon be a planning application submitted to increase the retail and social offer at the site, bringing job opportunities.</p>	
<p>10.4</p>	<p>Crossgates & District Good Neighbours Scheme – Moira Flynn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numbers are up, increasing the need for additional volunteers – if you're interested in volunteering, please contact C&DGNS on 0113 260 6565 The extension is now complete which includes a private room Leaflet about the Scheme was tabled The spring newsletter was tabled Mailing list is open Website is www.crossgatesgns.org.uk and also on Facebook: www.facebook.com/crossgatesgns 	
<p>10.5</p>	<p>Post Office The Austhorpe Road branch was on strike last Saturday due to proposed changes by Crown who own 370 of the offices in the UK.</p>	
<p>10.6</p>	<p>Crossgates Shopping Centre – Dave Coulthard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new member of staff has been recruited to work on marketing and PR 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the Environmental Action Team to resolve a few issues Jubilee event planned for June / July Have been working with local schools such as Manston St James' Primary The Blockbuster dvd rental shop has recently left the Centre but a new tenant is already on the cards (not a bookies or a frozen food shop) The successful 'Windows of Opportunity' exhibition took place on 19 March in one of the empty units. The pop up art event with artwork from Leeds Metropolitan University students was opened by the Leader of Leeds City Council. Cllrs Grahame and Gruen also supported the event The shopping centre has recently received the accolade that 'it is warmer than Trinity!' 	
10.7	<p>East Leeds Historical & Archaeology Society – Bob Lawrence</p> <p>The Barnbow Memorial flower bed competition has begun and the following local primary schools are already involved: Grimes Dyke, Manston and St Theresa's. It is hoped the competition can be open out to all Leeds primary schools. The closing date for entries is 22 April as the designs need to be in before spring planting can start. A trophy will be presented to the winning school</p> <p>Action: Cllr Grahame to speak to Kris Nenadic</p>	Cllr Grahame
10.8	<p>1st Manston Guides – Jean Barnbrook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forging stronger links at Cross Gates Primary School Cllrs Grahame and Gruen were thanked for their £500 contribution towards Wellies & Wristband Festival fundraising Going for an educational trip to Phillips Hair Academy next week Will be on the Drivetime show on Capital FM in May A trip to Killingbeck Police Station is planned Going on the Lord Mayors thank you trip in May Fundraising continues for the Disney trip and Wellies & Wristband Festival Will be taking over a flower bed for their environmental challenge this year Will be cheerleaders / helpers for the Jane Tomplinson Leeds 10K race 	
10.9	<p>Outer East Gardening Scheme – James Nundy</p> <p>Your local councillors, as part of the Outer East Area Committee, have funded a free gardening scheme running 1 April to 30 September. You are eligible if you meet the two criteria below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> You are an OAP or disabled person without the support of an able bodied family member living with you that can maintain the garden on your behalf You live in any of the Outer East Area Committee wards of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Gates & Whinmoor Garforth & Swillington Kippax & Methley Temple Newsam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first cut will be free, with a charge for any repeat visits For more information or to request the service please call Ken Hill at Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme on 0113 260 0489 	
11.0	Any Other Business and date of next meeting	
11.1	<p>Agenda items for next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning issues – Cllr Gruen 	
11.2	Please see the summary of actions table overleaf.	

11.3	<p>Next meeting The next cycle of meetings will be set at the forthcoming Area Committee meeting.</p>	
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Summary of actions

Action	Lead by	Progress	Action closed or open
<p>Devon Pub broken glass Still occurring and pavements not being kept clear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police will check the situation with Police Licencing • Simon Norman to discuss with Paul Spandler and issue a duty of care regarding waste at the site 	Police & Environmental Action Team (Simon Norman)	April 2013: New action	Open
<p>Speed cameras on Station Road New installation but no signs up yet, so not legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform councillors of dates for signage installation 	Nick Hunt	April 2013: New action	Open
<p>Signs It was reported that a sign on Back Austhorpe Road has been turned around which causes issues for delivery drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be referred through the Highways helpline 	Simon Norman	April 2013: New action	Open
<p>Cross Gates Christmas lights switch-on event 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date to be added to Events Team calendar • Fundraising required • Well-being application required to earmark funds • Everyone to think about what they would like to see this year 	Cllr Grahame / James Nundy / Jean Barnbrook	April 2013: New action	Open
<p>Barnbow Memorial flower bed competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussions needed with Parks & Countryside 	Cllr Grahame	April 2013: New action	Open